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(U) Dixon – Middle School Student Arrested with Pistol, Magazines in Backpack

(U) 13-year-old middle school student in Dixon was arrested for having a semi-automatic pistol with magazines inside his backpack, police said. Dixon police said a school resource officer and other police personnel responded to John Knight Middle School in response to a report of a student with a weapon. The student was booked into Solano County Juvenile Hall after being arrested for possession of a firearm in a school zone, being a minor in possession of a concealable firearm, possession of a high-capacity magazine, being a minor in possession of live ammunition and carrying a concealed firearm.

SOURCE: 1 November 2022, [KCRA3](#)

(U) San Jose – Former Apple Employee Admits to Defrauding Company of More Than \$17 Million

(U) Dharendra Prasad, 52, of Mountain House, pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of conspiracy to commit fraud and conspiracy to defraud the United States. These charges were in connection to a series of schemes that Prasad led in order to defraud his then-employer Apple, Inc. Prasad says he began to defraud Apple back in 2011 by taking kickbacks, inflating invoices, stealing parts, and charging Apple for services the company never received. Prasad told prosecutors that the schemes continued through 2018 and cost the company upwards of \$17 million.

SOURCE: 1 November 2022, [KRON4](#)

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(U) Connecticut – Former State Representative Admits to Stealing \$1.2M in COVID-19 Relief Funds

(U) West Haven – Former State Representative and city employee Michael DiMassa pleaded guilty to charges that he stole more than \$1.2 million in COVID-19 relief funds awarded to the city of West Haven. A six-count federal grand jury indictment accused DiMassa, his wife Lauren DiMassa, and two others of conspiring to embezzle the federal grant money by creating fake invoices and directing payments from the city to sham companies they created. Michael DiMassa pleaded guilty to three counts of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and is facing between 41-51 months in prison and a fine of up to \$2.4 million. He has agreed to pay restitution of \$1,216,541.80.

SOURCE: 1 November 2022, [Fox61](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Targets Weapons Trafficking with Sanctions on ISIS in Somalia

(U) Washington – The United States issued sanctions targeting the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in Somalia, designating members of the group and others it accused of being involved in a "terrorist weapons trafficking network" in Eastern Africa. The US Treasury Department in a statement said several of the people designated in the action have sold weapons to or were active al-Shabaab members. The al-Qa'ida-linked Islamist group claimed responsibility for two car bombs that exploded outside the education ministry in Somalia's capital Mogadishu, killing at least 120 people in the deadliest blasts since a truck bomb killed more than 500 people at the same location five-years ago.

SOURCE: 1 November 2022, [Reuters](#)

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(U) New Jersey – Suspect Remains at Large After Two Officers Shot

(U) Newark – An arrest warrant was issued for Kendall Howard, 30, charging him with two counts of attempted murder in connection to the shooting that left two officers injured. Howard is also charged in the warrant with unauthorized possession of a weapon and unauthorized possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes. Police and a SWAT team were going from apartment to apartment searching for Howard, who they said retreated inside the building after opening fire and wasn't located during the search. One of the officers was shot in the leg and has a small fracture. The other officer was shot in his shoulder and the bullet grazed his neck. Both are in stable condition.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [CNN](#)

(U) Texas – Deputies Seize 71-Pounds of Cocaine, Guns at Residence

(U) Harlingen – Authorities seized 71-pounds of cocaine and three firearms from a Harlingen residence, according to the Cameron County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's office investigators, with the help of the Cameron County District Attorney's Office and Homeland Security Investigations, executed a felony warrant on the Harlingen home and arrested a man wanted by authorities, officials said. Deputies discovered the cocaine and three firearms inside the residence, which were seized.

SOURCE: 1 November 2022, [Valley Central](#)

(U) Virginia – Woman Sentenced to 20-Years for Leading ISIS Battalion

(U) Alexandria – A Kansas native who led an all-female ISIS battalion when she lived in Syria has been sentenced to 20-years in prison, the maximum possible sentence, after her own children denounced her in court and detailed the horrific circumstances and abuse, she heaped on them. Allison Fluke-Ekren, 42, admitted that she led the Khatiba Nusaybah, a battalion in which roughly 100 women and girls, some as young as 10-years-old, learned how to use automatic weapons, detonate grenades and suicide belts.

SOURCE: 1 November 2022, [AP News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Ecuador – Emergency Declared After Five Police Officers Killed, Prison Guards Taken Hostage

(U) Quito – Ecuador's President Guillermo Lasso declared a state of exception in two provinces, after at least five police officers were killed and prison guards taken hostage in the latest wave of attacks in the deadly gang war consuming the country. The state of exception and nightly curfew in the coastal provinces of Guayas and Esmeraldas will be in place for 45 days and allows the government to limit freedom of assembly and movement. Interior Minister Juan Zapata told reporters in the Ecuadoran capital of Quito there were "reactions of organized crime" in Guayaquil and in the northwestern oil port of Esmeraldas. These incidents included car bomb attacks and an explosion at a bus terminal.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [CBS News](#)

(U) Mexico – Canadian Man in Custody After Allegedly Killing Police Officer

(U) Mexico City – A Canadian man is in custody after allegedly shooting and killing a police officer responding to a call in the Mexican resort town of Tulum, prosecutors said. Police in Tulum had responded to a report of a man firing at a car, according to the Quintana Roo state prosecutor's office. When they arrived a man fired at them striking one officer who died later. The shooter identified only as "Patrick C" in line with Mexican law enforcement policy, then entered his home and set fire to it before running back out. The man was shot by police in the leg and hospitalized in Playa del Carmen.

SOURCE: 1 November 2022, [ABC News](#)

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(U) United Kingdom – Counterterrorism Police Lead Investigation into Dover Bomb Incident

(U) London – Britain's counterterrorism police are now leading the investigation into an incident in which petrol bombs were thrown at an immigration center in the southern English port of Dover, police said. "What appears clear is that this despicable offence was targeted and likely to be driven by some form of hate filled grievance, though this may not necessarily meet the threshold of terrorism," police said. Police also identified the suspect who threw the bombs at the immigration center as Andrew Leak, 66, from High Wycombe, southern England, who was later found dead at a nearby service station. SOURCE: 1 November 2022, [US News](#)

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